

REMARKS

With regard to point 1 of the Office Action, applicant has amended the specification to refer to the equivalent U.S. patent.


With regard to the rejection of claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, applicant has amended the detailed description to state that the separating wall is coupled to a mechanism for advancing and retracting the separating wall. This mechanism for advancing and retracting the separating wall is inherent in Figure 1 and the operation of the separating wall.

With regard to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, applicant has cancelled claims 1, 2 and 11-18 and has added new claims 19-37 that are clearly directed to the combination that includes the electrolytic tank. The new claims 19-37 address the examiner's other specific objections.

The examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 12, 16, and 17 over the prior art, but has indicated that claim 18 contains allowable subject matter. The new independent claims 19 and 30 include the features of claims 1 and 18. Applicant therefore believes that claims 19 and 30 are allowable. It follows that the dependent claims also are allowable.

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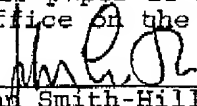
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